

PUBLIC BUILDING AT PLATTSMOUTH, NEBR.

JANUARY 11, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MERCER, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1215.]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1215) for the erection of a public building at Plattsmouth, Nebr., having considered the same, respectfully report:

Plattsmouth, Nebr., had a population of 4,175 in 1880, which increased to 8,392 in 1890, according to the census reports of those years. Its increase in population and business has been steady during the last five years. It is situated on the Missouri, at or near the mouth of Platte River. The main line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company passes through the city, and that company has extensive railroad shops located there. The main line of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company running from Omaha to Kansas City also passes through the city. Plattsmouth is the county seat of Cass, one of the richest and best agricultural counties in the State. The county has recently erected an elegant court-house, costing nearly \$100,000, and there are fine school buildings and many large substantial business and manufacturing establishments in the city.

The post-office is located in a business house, poorly arranged for the purpose, and the Government is compelled to pay large sums for rent.

The committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments:

In lines 11 and 12 strike out the words "one hundred" and insert "seventy-five," making the limit of cost \$75,000.

Strike out all after the word "dollars" in line 12 down to and including the word "building" in line 15.

